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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Lymphedema is swelling that occurs in the arms and  
3 legs of an individual, often caused by the removal of or damage  
4 to lymph nodes as part of a cancer treatment or other  
5 infection; and

6           WHEREAS, The factors that increase the risk of lymphedema  
7 include cancer treatment, age, excess weight or obesity, or  
8 rheumatoid or psoriatic arthritis; and

9           WHEREAS, Undiagnosed lymphedema can lead to serious  
10 complications, such as bacterial infections of the skin and  
11 lymph vessels or lymphangiosarcoma, which is a rare form of  
12 soft tissue cancer that results from severe cases of the  
13 disease; and

14           WHEREAS, Lymphedema cannot be cured, but the symptoms can  
15 be managed through a variety of treatment options, such as  
16 exercise, massage, therapy, and compression garments; and

17           WHEREAS, The necessary compression garments and therapy  
18 treatment options can cost between \$200-\$3,000 for a patient  
19 and are often not covered by insurance plans; and

20           WHEREAS, Lymphedema is not well-known and is often

1 underdiagnosed; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 encourage increased public awareness of lymphedema; and be it  
5 further

6       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
7 delivered to the Governor of Illinois, the Director of the  
8 Illinois Department of Public Health, all constitutional  
9 officers, and all members of the Illinois General Assembly in  
10 order to raise awareness of lymphedema.